

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
Jan 09, 2007

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

There was a moment of silence in memory of President Gerald Ford.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Honorable Judge Lanny Fite conducted the swearing in ceremony for all elected officials.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Aldermen Robin Baker, Mike Kemp, Toni Cobb, James Smith, Dave Holsomback and Diane Everett and Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson. City Attorney Patrick Benca is on his way at last report. Attorney Benca arrived at 6:40pm.

Minutes: A motion was made by Alderman Baker to accept the minutes for both November and December 2006, as printed. The motion received a second from Alderman Everett. The motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Financial Report: Recorder-Treasurer Wilson presented the financial report for October 2006. Financial summary was:

General Fund:

Checking account.....	\$ 7,621.75
Undeposited Cash	\$ 3,172.82
Reserve Fund	\$31,163.97
Total General Fund ...	<u>\$41,958.54</u>

Payroll Fund \$ 260.29

Reader Board Fund \$ 602.41

Street Fund:

Checking Account	\$56,483.91
Undeposited Cash	\$ 193.66
Reserve Fund	\$35,582.51
Total Street fund	<u>\$92,260.08</u>

Bond & Fine Account \$21,730.68

Court Clerk Account \$10,215.47

A motion was made by Alderman Holsomback to table the acceptance of the financial report because he had not had time to review it. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Department Head Reports:

The Department heads submitted written reports. Those reports are on file in the office of the Recorder-Treasurer and are available to any interested parties.

Mayor Davis reported that there was no Old Business.

New Business:

Item 1: Mr. Tim Lemons of Lemons Engineering presented an update on the Sewer Plant project. The report was presented in writing and verbally. He reported that some cut backs and reductions had been worked out in order to get the project under budget. Recommended size reduction was from an original size to accommodate 3300 customers to one to serve 2800 customers. Other changes include use of PVC where Stainless Steel had initially been planned along with the relocation of some equipment. For details refer to the submitted written report. Construction is estimated to begin in late Spring to early Summer of 2007.

Following the presentation there was several minutes of discussion covering permit and public meeting requirements, protection of the floodway, construction time for the plant, Sewer costs relative to our continued use of services from Little Rock Wastewater, etc..

Item 2: Resolution 2007-01 to authorize Lemons Engineering to redesign, including Downsizing the Sewer plant.

Mayor Davis read the Resolution. Following the reading, Alderman Baker moved that the resolution be approved. Alderman Everett provided a second. In a roll call vote the Resolution was approved with Aldermen Baker, Kemp, Cobb, Smith, Holsomback and Everett voting "Yes". There were no "No" votes. The Resolution is approved.

Item 3. Ordinance 2007-01 Approving final amended Budget for 2006.

City Attorney Benca Read the Ordinance.

Following the reading, Alderman Kemp moved that the Ordinance 2007-01 be approved. Alderman Everett provided a second. In a roll call vote Aldermen Kemp, Smith, Holsomback, Everett and Baker voted "Yes". Alderman Cobb abstained. The Motion was approved with 5 "Yes" votes, 0 "No" votes and 1 Abstained.

Suspend rules for second reading:

There was a motion from Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and bring Ordinance 2007-01 to the floor for a second reading, invoking the emergency clause and reading only the title. Alderman Holsomback provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Second Reading:

Alderman Kemp moved that Ordinance 2007-01 be approved. Alderman Baker provided a second. Attorney Benca read the ordinance title. Following the reading, in a roll call vote, Aldermen Smith, Holsomback, Everett, Baker and Kemp, voted "Yes". Alderman Cobb abstained. The Motion was approved with 5 "Yes" votes, 0 "No" votes and 1 Abstained.

Suspend rules for third reading:

There was a motion from Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and bring Ordinance 2007-01 to the floor for a third reading, invoking the emergency clause and reading only the title. Alderman Baker provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Third Reading:

Alderman Kemp moved that Ordinance 2007-01 be approved. Alderman Baker provided a second. Attorney Benca read the ordinance title. Following the reading, in a roll call vote, Aldermen Smith, Holsomback, Everett, Baker and Kemp, voted "Yes". Alderman Cobb abstained. The Motion was approved with 5 "Yes" votes, 0 "No" votes and 1 Abstained. With this third reading and vote Ordinance 2007-01 is Approved.

Item4: Ordinance 2007-02, Budgets for all departments for 2007.

First Reading:

Alderman Kemp moved that the Ordinance be approved. Alderman Everett provided a second. There was a brief discussion about 3 line items in the General Fund Budget. Specifically, concerning the amounts budgeted for the Newsletter, Computer Support and LOPFI funding. Following the discussion, Attorney Benca read the ordinance. In a roll call vote, Aldermen Holsomback, Everett, Baker, Kemp, Cobb and Smith voted "Yes". The Motion was approved with 6 "Yes" votes, 0 "No".

Suspend rules for second reading:

There was a motion from Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and bring Ordinance 2007-02 to the floor for a second reading, invoking the emergency clause and reading only the title. Alderman Smith provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Second Reading:

Alderman Kemp moved that Ordinance 2007-02 be approved. Alderman Everett provided a second. Attorney Benca read the ordinance title. Following the reading, in a roll call vote, Aldermen Everett, Baker, Kemp, Cobb, Smith and Holsomback voted "Yes". The Motion was approved with 6 "Yes" votes, 0 "No."

Suspend rules for third reading:

There was a motion from Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and bring Ordinance 2007-02 to the floor for a third reading, invoking the emergency clause and reading only the title. Alderman Baker provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Third Reading:

Alderman Kemp moved that Ordinance 2007-02 be approved. Alderman Everett provided a second. Attorney Benca read the ordinance title. Following the reading, in a roll call vote, Aldermen Baker, Kemp, Cobb, Smith, Holsomback and Everett voted "Yes". The Motion was approved with 6 "Yes" votes, 0 "No" votes. With this third reading and vote Ordinance 2007-02 is Approved.

Item 5: Presentation by Police Chief concerning purchase of 3 new card for the Police Department.

Chief Richard Friend discussed the age and cost of maintenance on the current fleet. He pointed out the maintenance and insurance savings that would be achieved by upgrading the fleet. He talked about the features and equipment that would come with the new cars and the safety those features would provide.

A sales representative (Mark and I could not pick up last name from tape recording), talked about the equipment features such as the Cameras and their ability to record events a minute or so prior to the time when the officer triggers it, the GPS unit that will track and record the location of the car and the ability to download all saved information to a computer via a wireless connection when the car returns to the station.

A motion to approve the purchase of three (3) new police cars was made by Alderman Baker. Alderman Holsomback provided a second. In a roll call vote Aldermen Kemp, Cobb, Smith, Holsomback, Everett and Baker voted "Yes." There were no opposing votes.

Item 6. Accounting assistance.

Open discussion.

Recorder-Treasurer Wilson stated that he felt there were some thoughts about getting help in the area, primarily due to some issues that appeared in the last audit. He stated that because the Legislative Auditor has agreed to come out and look at what is being done, we have all the help necessary at our disposal free of charge. He further suggested that it might help if the members of the council received some training so that they could more easily read and understand the reports that are provided. An information sharing session was scheduled for the 01-25-07 at 6:30pm. Also, a schedule of reports due and filed will be posted by the Recorder-Treasurers office so that all can see if things are on schedule.

Following a rather lengthy discussion it was agreed that no action would be taken concerning accounting assistance at this time. That after the next follow-up by the legislative audit the issue could be re-addressed if desired.

Comments:

Citizen Ken Petty spoke about the condition of property across the street from his home. He also urged the citizens and officials of the city to work to improve our city's image.

Ms. Tuggle asked about how long a person has to complete a construction or demolition job one it is started. She identified a particular site that had been in a state of change for what seemed like an unreasonably long time.

Ms Cador asked if she could apply for appointment to a city position if one became vacant. Mayor Davis said she could as could any qualified citizen. He then described the selection process.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Kemp. A second was supplied by Alderman Baker. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer